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Admiral Stansfield Turner  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

The Members of the Executive Seminar greatly appreciated the outstanding program at CIA last week. All of the briefings were informative and added substantially to the group's knowledge of the problems and challenges facing the Intelligence Community.

The highlight of the day, of course, was the meeting with you. The Members were particularly grateful for the opportunity to receive at first-hand your views on a broad range of intelligence issues that deeply concern all of us in international affairs. They appreciated your insights and perspectives and your candor in answering questions.

Our thanks to you for your personal contribution to the Seminar's understanding of the role of intelligence in America today.

Sincerely yours,

Christopher Van Hollen  
Coordinator



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The Honorable Frank C. Carlucci  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Frank:

I am writing separately to Admiral Turner and to John McMahon, whose office arranged our excellent overall program at CIA, but I want you to know how much we appreciated our opportunity to hear from you.

The Members were impressed with the broad grasp of the intelligence issues which you had acquired in such a short time and how articulately you explained some of the current problems. Seminar Members also commented favorably on the consistently high quality of the briefings by the Agency's career employees during the course of the day.

You have our gratitude for a valuable personal contribution to the Seminar program and best wishes in your important new assignment.

Sincerely yours,

Christopher Van Hollen  
Coordinator



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Mr. John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Blake:

The Members of the Executive Seminar are unanimous in rating our visit to CIA as one of the high points of the year. The program arranged by Mr. Harry E. Fitzwater and his staff was truly outstanding, and we appreciate the efforts of Ms. Sue Panzer and Ms. Mely Becker which were so important to its success.

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The overview by [REDACTED] laid an excellent groundwork for the subsequent coverage of the problems and challenges confronting the various segments of CIA activity. Please extend our thanks to him as well as to your colleagues, Mr. John McMahon, Dr. Sayre Stevens, and Mr. Leslie Dirks who also gave us such valuable briefings. I am writing separately to Admiral Turner and to Ambassador Carlucci.

Let me also thank you in particular for your role in contributing to the success of the Seminar program and for your hospitality in hosting the delicious lunch.

Sincerely yours,

Christopher Van Hollen  
Coordinator

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with the Executive Seminar  
in National and International Affairs  
on 5 April 1978 (U)

1. (U) Action Requested: This memorandum provides background for your meeting with the members of the Foreign Service Institute's Executive Seminar in National and International Affairs on Wednesday, 5 April 1978, from 1100-1200 in Room 1 A 13, Headquarters. It also requests that you join the class in the Executive Dining Room for the luncheon that will follow from 1200-1300.

2. (C) Background:

a. The Executive Seminar in National and International Affairs, formerly the Senior Seminar on Foreign Policy, is the most advanced training program available to selected senior-grade officials of U.S. Government agencies with foreign affairs responsibilities. It is a ten-month program conducted by the Foreign Service Institute. Participants come from the Foreign Service, the Departments of Defense, Agriculture, and Commerce, the U.S. Information Agency, the Agency for International Development, the armed services, and CIA. There are 27 in the class, largely GS-15s and above, and equivalent Foreign Service classes and military ranks. The course coordinator is Ambassador Christopher Van Hollen. A copy of the Seminar's brochure is attached.

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b. The two CIA representatives in the class are:

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c. The Director is scheduled to meet with the class at 1600. The completed program for the day at CIA will be forwarded at a later date.

d. It is suggested that your presentation to the class include discussion of: the role of CIA in the Intelligence Community; major targets of CIA effort; oversight of CIA; and your views of areas for improved relationships between CIA and other governmental agencies in the foreign affairs field.

e. The luncheon that will follow your presentation will include senior officers of the Agency and CIA alumni of the Executive Seminar. Your participation would be very welcome.

3. (U) Recommendation: None.



John F. Blake

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